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SUBJECT: LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE; VOA 1143 KHZ AT PORO

REF: GENEVA 8247

1. AT REQUEST OF MR. D.S. VARIYAN, HEAD OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION, HUFFCUTT AND JACOBS MET WITH HIM NOVEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS VOA-PORO. VARIYAN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. GOM IS NOT OBJECTING IN PRINCIPLE TO VOA-PORO BUT DOES WANT RELIEF FROM NIGHT-TIME INTERFERENCE TO GOM OPERATION ON SAME FREQUENCY, 1143 KHZ IS NEW PLAN;
B. VARIYAN SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SETTLE FOR A REDUCTION OF 3 DB IN VOA RADIATION TOWARDS MALAYSIA;
C. MEETING WITH US TEAM WAS SUGGESTED BY BERRADA, CHAIRMAN OF IFRB, FROM WHOM VARIYAN SOUGHT ASSISTANCE AFTER FUTILE EFFORTS TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH CARLOS, HEAD OF ROP DELEGATION. VARIYAN REPORTED THAT CARLOS SAID HE UNABLE TO TREAT THE MATTER SINCE IT IS A US REQUIREMENT AND THAT HE, CARLOS, HAD DELETED
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THE ONLY ENTRY (SERIAL NO. 3278) SUBMITTED BY ROP.

2. VARIYAN WAS INFORMED OF FACTS IN REGARD TO SERIALS 2065, 2066 AND 3278. IT WAS STRESSED THAT WHILE VOA IS A USG OPERATION IT IS PURSUANT TO USG-ROP AGREEMENT AND THE FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS WAS SUBMITTED BY ROP.

3. VARIYAN ASKED IF THE US, AS A MEMBER OF THE ITU WITH A MAJOR BROADCASTING OPERATION IN REGION 3, WAS WILLING TO OBSERVE THE TECHNICAL CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. WE REPLIED YES IN PRINCIPLE BUT THEN NOTED THAT VOA-PORO HAS BEEN IN OPEATION FOR YEARS AND IS DULY REGISTERED IN ITU'S INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY LIST. VARIYAN REJECTED OUR POINT OF SENIORITY, SAYING IT NOT RELEVANT IN LIGHT OF DECISIONS OF FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

4. WE AGREED TO GIVE SESIOUS CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF 3 DB REDUCTION TOWARDS MALAYSIA BUT GAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED. VARIYAN REQUESTED OUR RESPONSE ASAP, NOTING THAT CHANGES FOR IFRB'S NEXT COMPUTER PRINTOUT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 1300 HOURS ON NOVEMBER 5. WE POINTED OUT THAT IF A CHANGE IS FEASIBLE WE WOULD HAVE TO AUTHORIZE THE ROP DELEGATE TO SUBMIT TO IFRB.

5. CONSIDERING GENERAL AURA OF CONFERENCE, TEAM DOES NOT FEEL THAT POWER OF PORO STATION SHOULD BE REDUCED BY 3 DB, BUT THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MODIFYING ANTENNA DIRECTIVITY. ANTENNA DATA SUBMITTED WITH PHILIPPINE REQUIREMENT NUMBER 3278 (SEE ANNEX 1 TO IFRB REQUIREMENT LIST TO CIRCULAR LETTER 329, MAY 23, 1975) SHOWS 5 DB GAIN ALONG ARC EXTENDING FROM 230 TO 260 DEGREES. MALAYSIAN STATION AT TOWN OF KUANTAN, NORTHEAST OF SINGAPORE, ON BEARING APPROXIMATELY 240 DEGREES FROM PORO, OR DIRECTLY WITHIN MAIN BEAM. WE SUGGEST MODIFYING PHILIPPINE ENTRY TO SHOWN MAIN BEAM ALONG ARC 260 TO 290 DEGREES, WITH A 3 DB REDUCTION IN RADIATION ON 240 DEGREE AZMITH. JACOB BELIEVES THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN RADIATION PATTERN FOR ORIGINAL ANTENNA SYSTEM, BEFORE MODIFICATION WAS MADE

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO REDUCE RADIATION TOWARDS A STATION IN FORMER EAST PAKISTAN. PROPOSED ANTENNA CHANGE SHOULD SATISFY MALAYSIA WITHOUT SACRIFICING VOA COVERAGE AND WITHOUT INCREASING INTERFERENCE POTENTIAL TO PRC. SEE PARAGRAPH 9 BELOW.

6. IN RESPONSE OUR QUERY, VARIYAN SAID THE PRC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PROTESTED 1143 KHZ FOR VOA "ON

FLOOR OF CONFERENCE" (MANILA 15291). OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN QUERIED AND SAME NEGATIVE ANSWER.

7. RELATED MATTER. WE INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO ROP DELEGATION THAT CARLOS HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED FURTHER TELEPHONE CALL FROM GEN. CARREON. IT IS REPORTED THAT CARREON REPRIMANDED CARLOS FOR NOT HAVING FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO MODIFICATION OF SERIAL 2066 AND THAT CARLOS NOW EVEN MORE "ANTI VOA". SOURCE SAYS CARLOS HAS DIRECTED MEMBER HIS DELEGATION TO PREPARE LIST OF ALL POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE BY VOA-PORO TO OPERATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES; PURPOSE OF LIST NOT KNOWN. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT CARLOS FREQUENTLY MENTIONS NEED FOR ROP TO "TAKE OVER" VOA-PORO.

8. LATEST IFRB COMPUTER PRINTOUT, DATED NOVEMBER 3, DOES NOT CONTAIN THE DESIRED MODIFICATIONS TO SERIAL NO. 2066.

9. REF PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE, WE PROPOSE TO REQUEST ROP DELEGATE TO MODIFY ANTENNA RADIATION PATTERN DIAGRAM FOR VOA-PORO. OUR ACTION WILL BE INITIATED 0900 HOURS NOVEMBER 5 UNLESS OTHER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THAT TIME. DALE

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